Action for violations of the codes can be taken by any authorized officer i.e. SDM, DM or Commissioner of Police or any other officer notified in the official gazette by the Central Government or State Government.

The Central Government has constituted two inter-ministerial Committees under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violations of the Programme and Advertising Code.

The Government has decided to set up a Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority to receive and dispose of complaints on content telecast on TV channels. A Core Group has already been set up in the Ministry to deliberate and draft the Bill in this regard.

In so far as the Print Media is concerned, the Government does not interfere in the matters relating to the Press. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory authority established for preserving the freedom of the Press and for maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. PCI has set the Norms for Journalists Conduct according to which Newspapers/journalists shall not publish anything which is obscene, vulgar or offensive to public good taste.

The publishing of obscene and nude/semi nude photographs of women is an offence under Section 3 of the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 which is administered by the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Unauthorised parking in Delhi

2761. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of unauthorised parking lots being run in the DDA/NDMC/MCD areas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps planned/taken to curb this unauthorised activity and the extent of success achieved;

(d) whether parking policy in Delhi has undergone review in the recent past; and

(e) if so, the measures that are proposed to provide cost effective and efficient parking facility to the residents of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have informed that there is no unauthorised parking lot operating in their areas. However, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have informed that some cases of unauthorised parking lots have come to their notice. With a view to streamline the parking system, some of these unauthorised sites have already been converted into paid parking sites besides developing new parking sites.

(d) and (e) The MCD has also informed that it has filed a parking policy in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and that a composite parking policy is contemplated by Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Schemes for development of Infrastructure

2762. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been launched to improve and develop infrastructure in the cities having a pupulation between five lakhs and fifty lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In order to provide reform linked central assistance for infrastructure development of all cities/towns in the country, there is a proposal to formulate national Urban Renewal Mission for select cities and urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town. Details in this regard have not been finalized.

Encroachments in INA Market

2763. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the INA Market, New Delhi has become congested due to encroachments;